

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. :09/869,629. Confirmation No. 5709  
Applicant: :Knox et al.  
Filed :Sept. 21, 2001  
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Examiner: :Ann Y. Lam  
  
Docket No. :PZ-9848  
Customer No. :36335

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Applicants hereby Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response for three (3) months from January 4, 2007 through April 4, 2007. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$450.00 to Deposit Account No. 502-665.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.16(j) or 37 CFR 1.136(a) which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-665 in the name of GE Healthcare, Inc.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.